	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tamilnadu	19.18	0.32	20.43	0.23	19.50	0.32
Andhra Pradesh	1.68	8.30	2.02	8.31	2.32	9.24
Arunachal Pradesh	2.83	Negligible	1.91	Negligible	1.40	Negligible
Others	4.34	0.61	0.54	0.59	-	0.85

Oil Refining

*188. PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR' :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the present oil refining capacity of the country;

(b) whether the Government have chalked out any programme to increase the oil refining;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent by which the oil refining capacity of the country is likely to be increased by the year 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The existing oil refinery capacity in the country is 60.55 MMTPA.

(b) and (c). Efforts are being made to increase the refining capacity in the country by taking up expansion/ debottlenecking of existing refineries and by setting up of new grass root refineries in the Public Sector and Joint Sector. Government has also allowed private investment including foreign investment in the Refining Sector.

(d) In pursuance of the liberalisation of Industrial Policy, Letters of Intent have been granted to a number of companies for stetting up of Refineries in the private sector for about 70 MMTPA including Export Oriented Units. On materialisation of all the proposals, refining capacity at the end of 9th Plan is estimated to be about 130.75 MMTPA, excluding EOU's capacity.

Setting up of Electronic Industries

*189. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been conducted for setting up of Electronics Industries in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether any requests have come from various State Governments including the State of Kerala for assistance to set up such industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). While no specific study has been conducted to identify States for setting up of electronic industries, the Government of India encourage the setting up of electronic industries throughout the country in all relevant sectors of electronics. The concerned State Government or agencies like the State Electronics Development Corporation (SEDCs) provide some facilities and promotional incentives for setting up of specific industrial units in the State. The Department of Electronics gives necessary guidance and approvals/ licences, etc. The Software Technology Park Scheme and the Electronic Hardware Technology Park Scheme have been especially designed to encourage the growth of software and hardware sectors of Electronics. The Department of Electronics also provides some assistance for projects in areas such as manpower development, quality certification, testing and standardisation, R and D in electronics, etc.

(c) and (d). A proposal for financial assistance for setting up an Innovation Centre at the Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram has been received from the State Government of Kerala. Preliminary examination of the proposal has been done in consultation with the representatives of the State Government.

National Task Force

*190. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Task Force for Power Sector has been set up by the Government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its composition and responsibilities entrusted to it;

(c) whether the task force has since submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details and recommendations thereof;

(e) whether the Government have initiated any follow up action to implement the recommendations made in the report; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?